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## SIFE aims to expand

**Daniel Bentson**  
Volunteer Writer

For the past three years Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) has been working within Albers to better the community through the establishment of nonprofit and for-profit organizations devoted to charitable work, and the group is looking to expand.

"Our principle aim is to bring everyone into the productive aspect of our economy," said Leo Simpson, SIFE's faculty advisor.

Seattle SIFE is one of more than 200 SIFE branches in the United States. Globally, the clubs exist in more than 40 countries. The Seattle chapter is involved in a wide array of charitable projects that encompass everything from collecting thousands of pounds of food for the Union Gospel Mission to helping small businesses become more environmentally friendly.

"Everyone wants to contribute, everyone wants to be productive, but they don't all have the same opportunity. So what we're trying to do is provide this opportunity so they can be a meaningful part of adding to our economy, as opposed to being someone who has to be supported by it," said Simpson.

It was with the help of grants from sponsors like Campbells that SIFE students raised more than 60,000 pounds of food in November.

According to their published material, during the 2010-2011 year SIFE sent students to Ghana to build dehydrators for food preservation, donated money and computers to promote technological literacy, and helped to establish computer labs in Ghanaian middle schools.

SIFE also helped Scott Sowle, a graduate of the

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## Redhawks dominate Eastern Washington

**Rosalie Cabison**  
Staff Writer

Confidence was the keyword after the Men's Basketball team's win against Eastern Washington University on Monday.

"We had confidence from our bench — even the guys who didn't play — we had confidence from the guys who did play... we fixed the little errors that we made early and we kept going and going and going," said Sterling Carter, sophomore guard.

Carter's own confidence proved important, as head coach Cameron Dollar said his job is to "let it fly." Carter did his job and the result was a 5-6 shooting night from behind the three-point line, contributing to a total of 26 points.

"I was more confident in myself after the first one fell...if you work on your shot and your game you should have confidence and know that your shot's going to fall. You just gotta keep shooting," Carter said.

Aaron Broussard's confidence was most pivotal to the win. The senior forward's aggressiveness created opportunities

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## Upside down chairs and ceramic gloves

**Daniel Bentson**  
Volunteer Writer

Carolina Silva is wrapping up her residency at Seattle University with an exhibition titled "Present," on display in the Vachon room through Feb. 29.

The exhibition primarily showcases Silva's work in ceramics.

In the center of the room two clay hairbrushes hang from the ceiling inches from one another, a sculpted puppy stands in the corner, and a red ceramic sock hangs over a tree

branch bolted to the wall. Children's blocks rendered in clay stand next to a pile of stuffed animals. A pair of flat yellow gloves imprinted with the texture of rubber stand by the door.

Carolina Silva  
"Present": Vachon Room, Fine Arts  
Now through February 29

Along one wall are watercolors depicting houses and bearing captions like, "the chairs in this house are all upside down," "there is always smoke coming out of this house," and,

"this house smells like seawater."

The facing wall bears the words, written in ceramic letters, "There was a time."

Overhanging the scene and providing a stark counterpoint to the highly textural, temporal vibe of the ceramic pieces that comprise the majority exhibit are the words "Here forever" spelled out in red light bulbs. The glassy, luminous bulbs stand out against the childlike, mournful stuffed bears and toys.

"I used the objects that are around me," Silva said.

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## Premature weather worries lead to lecture cancellations

**Emma McAleavy**  
News Editor

Seattle University shutdown early Tuesday evening in anticipation of the snowstorm slated to hit Seattle early Wednesday morning. The sky was still blue, however and soon after the closure, the National Weather service downgraded its winter storm warning.

The National Weather service had originally forecast five to 10 inches of new snow, but that was later changed to a predicted four to six inches for Wednesday with more snow to come on Thursday.

The inclement weather predication led to the cancellation of the prestigious Catholic Heritage Lecture scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening. The closure also led to the cancellation of the much anticipated Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and lecture by one of the Little Rock Nine, Carlotta Walls LaNier. Robert Putnam was to be the speaker for the Catholic Heritage Lecture. Putnam is a professor at Harvard University and a visiting professor at Manchester University

in England.

The announcement to close campus at 5 p.m. came at 3:13 p.m., when the university posted a bright orange campus alert, new this year, on the home page.

"Events, programs and classes that had been scheduled for tonight are canceled," read the campus alert.

It is unclear at this point whether either of the two lectures canceled will be rescheduled. While the MLK lecture and the presence of Carlotta Wall LaNier on campus would have been a novelty, the Catholic Heritage Lecture, inaugurated last year, has become a staple of the university's annual event calendar. As of yet, no announcement has been made as to whether or not Putnam will be giving a lecture at a later date, or if the second lecture in the three part series will simply be canceled.

Either way, the weather remains as unpredictable as ever and some students are resorting to extreme, ritualistic measures including snow dances and sleeping with spoons under their pillows in an effort to get a few days off class this week. However, no snow was falling at press time late Tuesday night. It may be that the only casualties of this



Lindsey Wasson | The Spectator

Capitol Hill residents Brittany Doyle and Stuart Haury turn the Jimi Hendrix statue on Broadway Ave. into a snowman.

year's most anticipated winter storm will be the two much-anticipated lectures that were canceled.

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## New dean at Matteo Ricci aiming for large expansion

**Ashley Roe**  
Staff Writer

Students and faculty of the Matteo Ricci College, a humanities school committed to educating tomorrow's leaders in accordance with Jesuit philosophy, returned to campus after the winter holiday to discover that they had a new leader themselves.

Jodi Kelly was selected as the new dean of Matteo Ricci on Dec. 21.

Arthur Fisher, the former dean of the Matteo Ricci College, has since retired. Kelly recognizes him for laying a strong foundation for the continuation of the college.

"[Fisher] deserves much of the credit for the excellent shape of [Matteo Ricci] today, all of which allows me to move the

college to the next level," said Kelly. "[He] built a core faculty deeply committed to the Matteo Ricci College way of proceeding, faithful to the best of Jesuit education."

Kelly seemed like the ideal candidate to fill Fisher's shoes upon review of her extensive list of previous experience in other administrative positions within the college.

"In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I have been Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, twice Acting Dean and twice interim Dean," Kelly said.

Kelly has been a direct associate of Seattle University for 28 years, and she believes that she understands what is needed to keep the college continue to run smoothly.

"I have been a member of the Matteo Ricci College for 35 of its

36 years, so I know every graduate and have had the privilege of teaching a significant number of them," Kelly said. "Today it is not unusual to find the children of students I taught in the '70s and '80s enrolled in my courses."

Serena Cosgrove, a sociology professor in Matteo Ricci, has known Kelly since before she came to Seattle U. Cosgrove was a student at Seattle Preparatory when Kelly taught there.

"I am so proud of working for a university that is willing to recognize the quality of the work she is doing," Cosgrove said. "I think it is a good recognition of the college too, because she has been here for so many years and really identifies with the college."

Kelly already has a big project in progress, a Poverty Education Center, that she hopes will be

open by the spring.

"Dean Kelly and Dr. Curtis are working on a Poverty Education Center that will have great potential for deepening scholarship around this topic and bringing people together to talk about it," Cosgrove said. "We have sensed a real need in our community as well as in primary and secondary schools in our area to think through how we teach about difference, inequality and poverty."

Her other goals include broadening the college through the three degrees that are already in place.

The newest degree in the Matteo Ricci College, the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities for Leadership (BAHL), "focuses on the individual as an efficacious, ethical leader, competent to act in culturally diverse situations,"

according to the Matteo Ricci College website.

The college initially aimed for 12 students to sign up for the BAHL this year, but exceeded their expectations by accepting 20 students into the program.

"The BAHL should be a shoe-in to highlight the Jesuit, Leadership and Global Engagement aspects of the university's strategic plan and I will be focusing our work to be certain it does," Kelly said.

Kelly will also focus on advertising the degrees to incoming freshmen to expand the college.

"Because the BAHL and BAHL opened the college to the possibility of recruiting nationally, it is my goal to increase the size of our freshmen class by 25 percent."

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## Seattle SIFE wins big despite relatively small club size



Union Gospel Mission to establish the non-profit Redeeming Soles. Homeless men in Seattle rarely have adequate shoes, so Redeeming Soles distributes thousands of pairs to those who need them most, and is the first organization in the greater Seattle area to do so.

For most SIFE participants, the work is its own reward.

"[The men of the Union Gospel Mission] are so appreciative of you and everything you do and you walk away with tears in your eyes. And you really get it," Simpson said.

Through the hundreds of hours members devote to these

causes, they gain leadership skills and connections within partner companies.

"[These sponsors] offer internships, they offer jobs, and these are great jobs with huge companies like Campbells, and Unilever and Wal-Mart," Simpson said.

All the projects that SIFE launches during the course of the year go into a pamphlet and 24-minute presentation and are then delivered before a national congress of SIFE.

Even with only 20 active members (other branches have more than 100 members), the rookie Seattle SIFE logged more than 6,000 hours of work and took ninth in the nation at last

year's conference in Minnesota.

This year, SIFE is looking to expand to include a wider array of students. They're putting out a call to any and all students who can bring their personal talents to the club.

"Business people are awesome [but] other majors bring a different perspective," said co-president Jonas Harris.

Harris expressed a desire to engage designers, writers, those in nonprofit leadership and "tech people."

"We really want to get the word out to the campus that if you want to go out into the community and help people in need to become part of our new

economy, we need you. If you have fire in the belly, and you're willing to take initiative and do some work, we need you," Simpson said.

The recruiting push will mostly consist of "friends recruiting people," Harris said.

Harris is himself involved in various projects in the neighborhood through SIFE, including teaching entrepreneurship to detainees at the nearby juvenile detention center. He also applied for and received a grant to start a business where the kids print clothes for local high schools. The profits will be divided between the schools' associated student body and a charity to be

determined by his partners.

"They're awesome kids," Harris said.

Harris is also involved in the Youth Social Venture competition, which offers a \$1,000 prize to high school students who start nonprofit and for-profit enterprises whose profits will be donated to charity.

Projects currently underway at SIFE include: writing curriculum to teach entrepreneurship and business skills at the Union Gospel Mission, the Hope Place women's shelter and a professional clothing drive.

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# Artist's Reception: IMAGINING THE WORLD

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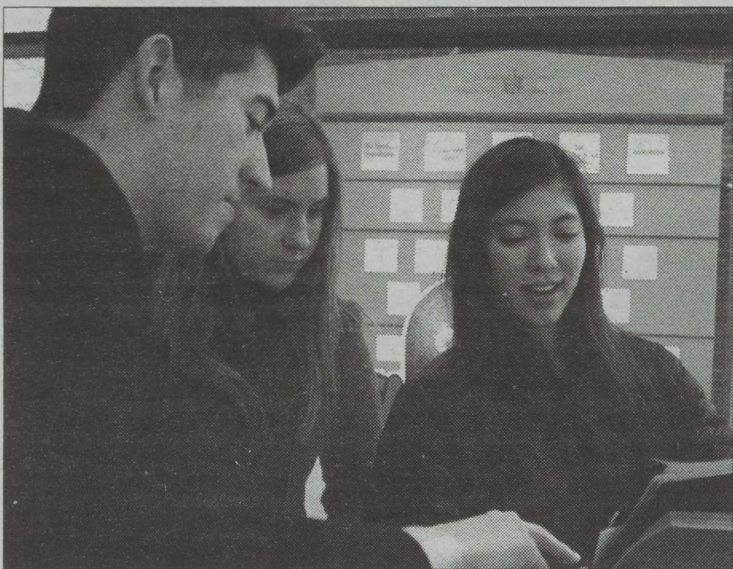
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# Sullivan program one of a kind among Jesuit schools



Kateri Town | The Spectator

Resident Assistant Robby Zehra assists Sullivan Leadership Day participants as they try to find their way around campus on Saturday, Jan. 14. The students participated in the Sullivan Leadership Day in hopes that they might win a full-ride scholarship to Seattle U.

**Jordan Meyers**  
Staff Writer

More than 300 high school seniors came to campus last Saturday to compete for the prestigious Sullivan Leadership Award, a full-ride scholarship for incoming

admitted freshmen.

The scholarship, with a financial value of approximately \$200,000 per recipient after four years of undergraduate study, is awarded to nine students each academic year.

In comparison with other Jesuit universities, like Gonzaga

University and the University of San Francisco, Seattle University is unique in that it offers such a scholarship.

"I'm sure that some people might say, 'Well, why all this money for these few students,' but I think that the give back, that what comes out of these scholars, is really invaluable," said Lindsay Leeder, adviser to the Sullivan Leadership Program, who made clear that the Sullivan Award is not only a scholarship, but that it is also a program.

In addition to maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA, Sullivan scholars are expected to attend regular meetings with the Sullivan community, study abroad at least once, and assume on-campus leadership and service roles.

According to Leeder, the program also hits at what it truly means to be a leader and reflects Seattle U's mission to empower leaders for a just and humane world.

"It's not just 'Here's your money, we'll see you, goodbye.' It's definitely not like that. It's so much more than just the financial compensation. And we don't just want somebody in front of a podium—that doesn't necessarily define a leader,"

Leeder said, also noting that Sullivan scholars are very diverse in the nature of their leadership style.

Sheldon Costa, a sophomore Sullivan Leader, seemed to echo this statement.

"I think people instantly get to this idea of, well, are they taking leadership roles around campus? Are they involved with student activities? For me, I have difficulty with that because that kind of conflicts with a lot of my own understandings of what a leader really is," said Costa.

He also noted that the program offers a valuable attraction to the university that would otherwise not exist. Without the scholarship, Costa said he would not have been able to attend Seattle U.

Allie Shipley, one of the 300-some high school seniors competing for the award this year, also said the Sullivan Award had enticed her.

"I actually heard about Seattle U because of the Sullivan. I have a friend who was a Sullivan Leader and that's pretty much what made me apply here," she said after having participated in Saturday's events, which included a campus tour and various activities with the

other Sullivan Scholar competitors.

Shipley also particularly appreciated the scholarship's unique look at leadership.

"Not everyone there was student body president or even on their student council. Some were leaders in their church, or in a club. There wasn't any one, cookie-cutter way of defining leadership," she said.

If Shipley is chosen for the next round of Sullivan scholars, she will return in February for Finalists' Day where she will compete against 45 other students for the nine award slots.

Students from 13 western states are considered for the scholarship and are chosen based on Seattle U's five pillars of leadership: academic excellence, community, spirituality, global engagement, and service and leadership.

The scholarship was named in recognition of Fr. William Sullivan, S.J., who served as president of Seattle U from 1976 to 1996. It has been recognizing student leaders since 1988.

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# Neighbors swap soups, stories in Seattle tradition

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Neighbors are dusting off their pots and pans and wooden spoons in anticipation of Capitol Hill's most innovative traditions, the soup swap. Jan. 21 marks the event's thirteenth anniversary in Seattle, as well as its sixth anniversary as a national event.

At its conception, the event was not entirely meant to become a tradition, let alone a nationwide celebration. "I'm a really good cook, but I got tired of eating my own soup," said Knox Gardner, the founder of Soup Swap in Seattle and owner of [soupswap.com](http://soupswap.com). "I have friends who are also great cooks, so I thought we could just trade soups with one another."

While the initial attempts were unsuccessful, Gardner continued to work on the plans for soup swapping, and eventually decided on the singular rule: a participant must come with six quarts of soup and leave with six quarts of soup.

For some participants however, six quarts of different types of soup causes too much trouble and time what with limited resources and space.

Sherri Schultz, a participant and organizer who is hosting her second soup swap this year, decided with her building to use pints instead of quarts this year. For Schultz, the amount of soup did not determine the amount of enjoyment to be had.

"I think that [soup swaps] remind us that there are all different ways to build community," she said. "It gives us another way to reach out and meet our neighbors."

Justin Carder, the owner of [capitolhillseattle.com](http://capitolhillseattle.com), was one of the first participants in soup

swapping before the events had any mainstream attention, and has been using his website to help spread the word.

Participant Pam Mandel also helps to get the word out any way she can.

"I became a sort of unofficial public relations agent for Soup Swap through my involvement in social media and blogging," she said via email.

Since her initial commitment to the soup swaps, Mandel has been interviewed by Edible Seattle and written various blogs for different websites to advertise the event.

For participant and food blogger Tara Weaver, the swaps have allowed her to join a very warm community. As a food blogger in San Francisco, Weaver first wrote about the tradition in 2007 for [ediblecommunities.com](http://ediblecommunities.com). Once Weaver moved up to Seattle, she was invited to her first soup swap by the founder himself.

"Knox invited me in 2008, and I've loved the event since," she said. "[The soup swaps] are truly about bringing people together and creating a community during a time of year where it's very easy to feel isolated."

Since her initial experience, Weaver said the events are something she looks forward to every year.

"Everyone who tries [soup swap] once wants to do it again," she said.

Although the soup swaps in Seattle have grown to build a large inviting community, the tradition does not stop in Seattle. In 2006, a Soup Swap began with the help of Gardner in Jersey City, and various other cities have joined in since.

"It's an easy idea that quickly

becomes a tradition," Gardner said. "Sharing soup and connecting all of these stories that

people bring makes participants realize that soup swaps are a truly magical experience."

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# Wells Fargo gives \$100k to Environmental Studies' farm

**Colleen Fontana**  
Staff Writer

Seattle University's Environmental Studies department recently received a \$100,000 grant from Wells Fargo to continue its work in the

Our food production systems are unsustainable.

**Madelyn Hamilton**  
Junior

area of sustainable agriculture.

A little more than a year ago, the Department of Environmental Studies began developing a farm at a wastewater treatment site in Renton. The school was able to harvest 7,000 pounds of produce from

the farm that was then given to local food banks.

"It's just such a no-brainer," said Environmental Studies instructor and leader of the project Michael Boyle. "It's just a win-win all the way around."

The farm is a major component in a project led by Boyle and supported through the Department of Environmental Studies. The project, Seattle University Sustainable Urban Agriculture Project or SUSUAP, involves students and staff in the effort to bring sustainability to the city.

"Seattle University's innovative urban agriculture project is an important opportunity for Wells Fargo to invest in a sustainable food system that benefits the environment while also providing nourishment to members of our community," said Wells Fargo's Washington Regional President Patrick

Yalung in a recent online article from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Junior Madelyn Hamilton has been very involved in the production of the farm for more than a year and recognizes the importance of promoting local agriculture.

"Agriculture, for many reasons, is a fascinating thing," Hamilton said.

Hamilton has been an assistant manager of local farmers' markets, which has allowed her to see the economic side of food production, while working on the farm has let her experience growing food.

"It's a cool opportunity to grow food for people who really need it," Hamilton said.

The money from the Well's Fargo grant will be used to continue to provide local people with local produce.

"I'm already spending it [the grant money]," Boyle said. "Just

last Saturday we got 40 trees for an orchard. We've got grapevines going in. I just sent off a seed order for a few hundred dollars and that will get me through this spring."

Hamilton encourages students to get involved, saying that a farm such as this is a great opportunity to give resources to people who need them.

"It's the perfect combination of social justice and environmental justice issues," Hamilton said. "Our food production systems are unsustainable. The way that we're growing food the world over, it's just not going to cut it in the years to come. This is a cool opportunity for students to learn about... what it takes to grow the food that they eat."

And Wells Fargo is ready to help.

"We think this project has the potential to be a model for the urban agriculture movement," Yalung said to the College of Arts

and Sciences. "Our team members are also ready to get their hands dirty and volunteer at the farm. We are excited to be a part of this project."

Even though he wants to emphasize the importance of urban agriculture, Boyle isn't suggesting that Seattle U begin changing its curriculum.

"My intent is not to make us into an agriculture school," Boyle said. "I want to take advantage of our fame as a really strong business school and, being politically service-minded, create students that will go out and work for sustainable local agriculture."

Hamilton will be graduating next year, but she is confident that students, and the neighborhoods around the farm, will help to continue to produce local and sustainable food for the community.

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## College of Nursing to send students to Sweden

**Colleen Fontana**  
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In Sweden, traditional nursing programs are referred to as "caring sciences." Beyond training in technical skill, these schools attempt to educate students on health, growth and suffering.

Regardless of name differences, similarities in class requirements and overarching values attracted the Seattle University nursing department to Mälardalen University in Eskilstuna and Västerås, Sweden for a student exchange program.

One hundred percent Seattle U-sponsored, the exchange will send two to six transfer students to study at the university for two quarters.

And the department is making it possible for some students to fit it into their busy nursing curriculum.

"Nationwide, nursing is one of the 'underrepresented disciplines'...in education abroad," said Jennifer Fricas, professor and Global Engagement Coordinator in the College of Nursing. "[We thought]: What are some other ways that we can provide more opportunities?"

The dean of the College of Nursing, Azita Emami, is from Sweden and, as a result, was able to introduce the department to some of the opportunities there.

After an 18-month process of talking with the professors at Mälardalen and a site visit to Sweden, the Global Engagement Committee decided that the university was a good match for Seattle U students.

According to the program description, students will "study the role of nursing in the Scandinavian healthcare system while gaining practical experience alongside Swedish and foreign exchange students in both

theory and clinical courses."

The College of Nursing hopes this program will provide students with a unique and valuable experience in a country often recognized for its progressive health and social policies.

"Nursing is such a dynamic field and you have to deal with so many different people that it makes sense to go and work and learn in a system that's completely different than ours," said

The program is currently only open to transfer students in the winter and spring.

junior Michelle Baker, who is applying for the Sweden exchange.

The program is currently only open to transfer students in the winter and spring of their senior year because of the way the courses are sequenced.

"Our traditional students are one quarter ahead so what they take doesn't align the same way," Fricas said.

Many of the other study abroad opportunities take place in the summer and are difficult for transfer students because they use that time to acquire the credits they might have previously missed. This program will give students experience abroad and still allow for a timely graduation.

"Study abroad is so valuable for students because they learn to open their eyes to other points of view and other ways of doing the same work," Fricas said. "It helps them to have that 360 degree view. You're in it. You're not just reading about it in a book."

Nursing students who have gone on study abroad

immersions agree that the experience is meaningful.

"I think it's really important to take yourself out of your daily life," said nursing student Katherine Smith, who has worked in an orphanage with children in Belize, many of whom were HIV-positive.

"At school we're doing clinicals and tests and it seems like your focus is very narrowed," Smith said.

Education abroad forces students to apply that focus to something other than the classroom.

"You can learn about

something and learn about a different society and different types of healthcare programs but until you've actually experienced them, it's just words on a page," Baker said.

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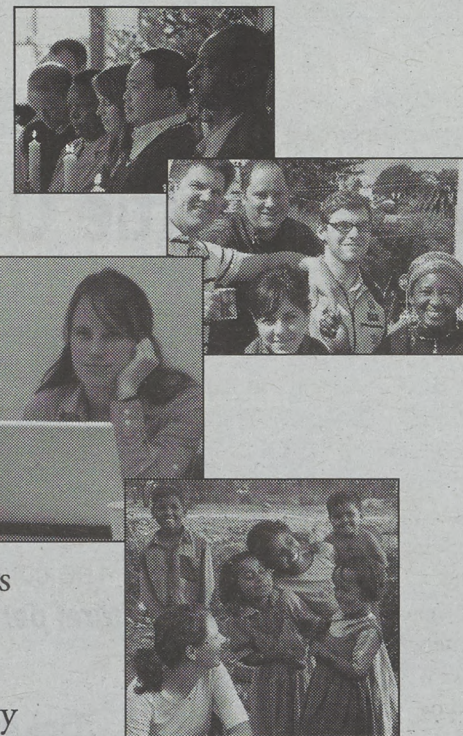


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## Gregoire's gay marriage bill waiting for Senate passage

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A bill to legalize same-sex marriage has been filed in the Washington House as a companion bill to the measure filed last week in the Senate.

The House bill, requested by Gov. Chris Gregoire, is sponsored by Democratic Rep. Jamie Pedersen of Seattle.

The House version of the

legislation, which was filed late last week and officially introduced Tuesday, has 49 Democrats signing on in support and one Republican. Democrats hold a 56-43 majority in the House, and the gay marriage measure already has enough support to pass that chamber.

The Senate is still short of the 25 votes needed for passage there. Sen. Ed Murray is the sponsor of the Senate

bill, and 22 other senators, including two Republicans, have signed on in support.

Both the House and Senate will have public hearings on the bills on Monday.

Washington state has had a domestic partnership law since 2007. A "everything but marriage" bill was passed in 2009, greatly expanding that law. Opponents later challenged it at the

ballot box, but voters upheld the law. Nearly 19,000 people in Washington are registered as domestic partners.

Under the bills being considered by the Legislature, people currently registered in domestic partnerships would have two years to either dissolve their relationship or get married. Domestic partnerships that aren't ended prior to June 30, 2014, would automatically become marriages.

Domestic partnerships would remain for senior couples in which at least one partner is 62 years old or older. That provision was included by lawmakers in 2007 to help seniors who don't remarry out of fear they could lose certain pension or Social Security benefits.

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## Police brutality protesters march on Hill bearing torches



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Left: Two protesters with torches stand outside the fire station at 13th Avenue and Pine Street. A group of about 100 protesters, many wearing masks, marched on the East Precinct police station bearing signs and flaming torches Saturday night. The marchers were speaking out against police brutality and calling for the resignation of Seattle Police Chief John Diaz. Police officers in riot gear watched behind barricades that blocked two blocks of 12th Avenue around the East Precinct headquarters. The protest was announced on Facebook in response to the FBI's decision that it will not pursue a civil rights case for former SPD officer Ian Burke who shot John T. Williams in 2010. Information on the group's Facebook event stated, "We will light torches to symbolize holding in honor of our dead, killed by the police. While these torches we carry are meant to pay respect and express our passion for those lost, they are not made with the intention of being weapons." The crowd dissipated around 6:30 p.m. with some moving on to Seattle Central Community College after most of the torches had burnt out and the police refused to let the marchers near the police station. No arrests or significant injuries were reported.

## 2012 Seattle University International Dinner Connecting the World

Saturday, January 28, 2012

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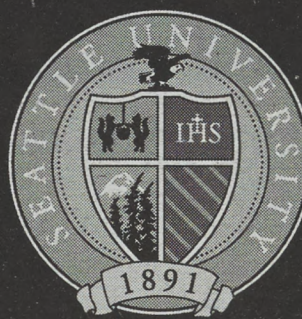
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# 2012 I-Week

## Connecting the World

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**"Imagining the World" Study Abroad  
Photography Exhibit:**

Awards Ceremony and Artist's Reception

Thursday, January 19, 2012

5:00pm-7:00pm

Kinsey Gallery, Admissions & Alumni Building

**RHA's Bollywood Annual Casino Night**

Friday, January 20, 2012

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Campion Ballroom

**Indonesian Student Association (ISASU) Battle  
of Sounds**

Saturday, January 21, 2012

6:00pm-10:00pm

Pigott Auditorium, Pigott Building

**"The Straight Line is Ungodly" –**

The Transnational Architecture of Friedensreich  
Hundertwasser

Monday, January 23, 2012

10:00am – 10:45am

Administration Building, Room 207

**Human Trafficking: An Intersection of the  
Local and the Global**

Monday, January 23, 2012

12:30pm-2:00pm

PAVL160 – Int'l Student Center Lounge

**International Education Week Opening  
Reception**

Monday, January 23, 2012

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Student Center, Room 160, (Le Roux Room)

**Humanitarian Engineering**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

12:30pm - 1:20pm

Bannon Building, Room 402

**Peace Corps Recruiting at Seattle U**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Boeing Room (Library, 1st Floor)

**International Opportunities Fair**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Student Center, Room 160 (Le Roux Room)

**Explore A Transformative Graduate  
Opportunity**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Admissions & Alumni Relations Community  
Room, Admissions & Alumni Building

**The Internship and Job Search Processes for  
International Students at SU: A Panel on  
Working in America**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

12:30pm – 1:30pm

PAVL160 – International Student Center Lounge

**Thailand Rainwater Catchment "Global  
Grant" Project**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

2:00pm-3:00pm

James Pigott Pavilion for Leadership Room 50

**Great Grandfather's Drum**

An Award Winning Film About Japanese-  
American culture and history in Hawaii

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering Building

**Liberia: A Peace Discussion**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Engineering Building, Room 311

**Engaging the Global: A Conversation of the  
Hows and Whys**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Pigott Building, Room 308

**Muslim Student Association Eid Celebration**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

6:00pm - 8:00pm

PAVL160 – Int'l Student Center Lounge

**Journey From The Fall – Movie Showing with  
Reception to Follow**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering Building

**Say My Name**

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Noon – 1:00pm

Student Center, Room 210

**Interfaith Prayer for Peace**

Thursday, January 26, 2012

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Chapel of St. Ignatius

**International Humanitarian Law:**

A Panel of Red Cross Docents Discuss Current  
Issues

Thursday, January 26, 2012

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering Building

**Protest Movements: What would it take to get  
you off the couch and onto the street?**

Thursday, January, 26, 2012

7:00pm – 8:00pm Panel in Pigott Auditorium

8:00pm - Breakout Sessions in the Pigott  
Building

**Lunches with Leaders: Sahar Fathi**

Friday, January 27, 2012

12:15pm – 1:15pm

Student Center, Room 210

**Seattle University Youth Initiative Immersion**

Friday, January 27, 2012 - Sunday, January 29,  
2012

Takes place from 5:00pm on January 27th, 2012 –  
2:00pm on January 29th, 2012

**Connecting the World: 2012 International  
Dinner**

Saturday, January 28, 2012

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Campion Ballroom, Campion Residence Hall

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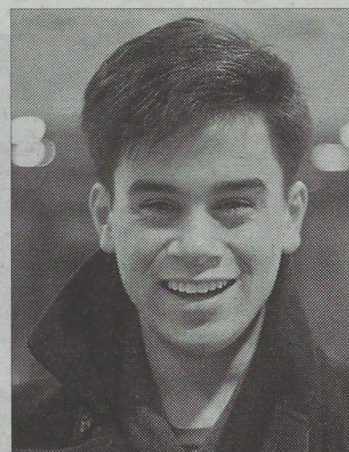
# Campus Voice:

Do you think the world will end in 2012?



**Annie Hodges**  
Sophomore

"I don't think it's going to end, but we should party like it will."



**Keoni Chun**  
Sophomore, Digital Design

"Yes. Definitely. No doubt about it."



**AnnMarie Ide**  
Sophomore, Marketing

"No, I think when they created the Mayan calendar, 2012 was so far in the future it seemed plausible that the world could end."

"No, I think the Mayans just got tired of writing the calendar."

**Alana Stark**  
Sophomore, Chemistry

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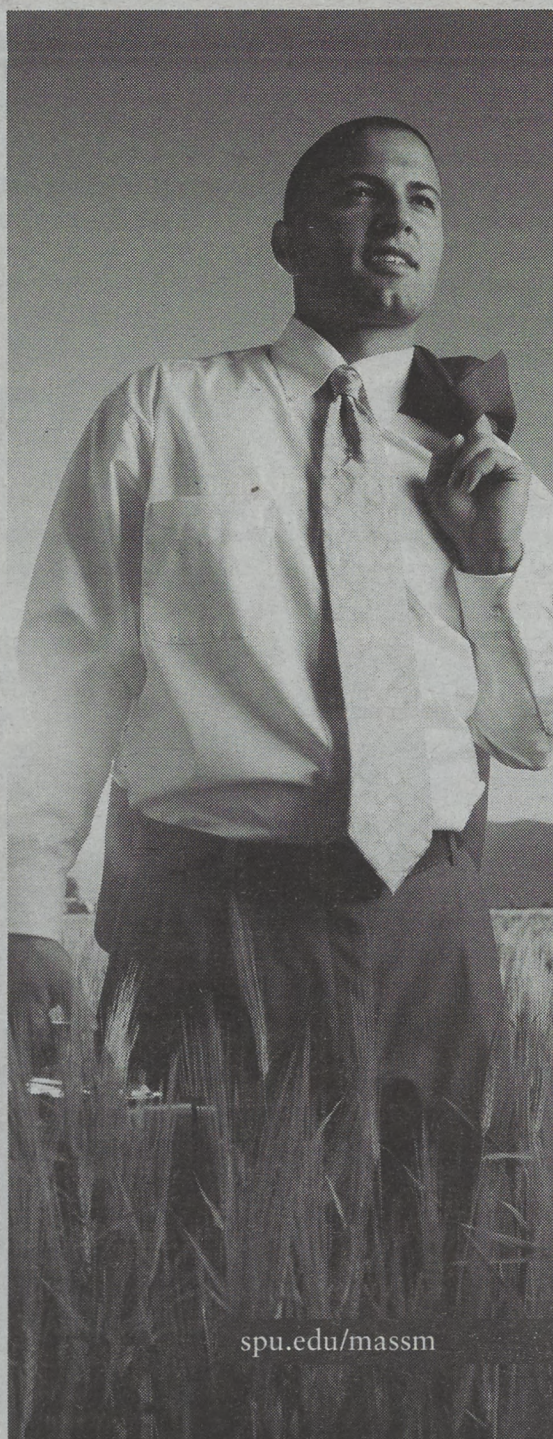
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## public safety reports

### Malicious Mischief

Monday, Jan. 9, 4:40 p.m.

DPS located graffiti on the external wall of a building; Facilities was contacted.

### Medical Assist

Monday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Non-affiliate was injured while swimming; transported to hospital for further care.

### Safety Assist

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 a.m.

An employee reported black mold as a breathing air safety issue in an office air conditioning unit; Facilities was notified.

### Medical Assist

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 8:30 p.m.

A student fell in lobby and cut their lip; follow up care was administered at local hospital.

### Suspicious Circumstance

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 8:30 p.m.

A student called DPS reporting a male possibly following her; SPD alerted. DPS provided an escort home and police did not find anyone in the area with similar description.

### Suspicious Circumstance

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10:30 p.m.

A student called DPS reporting a non-affiliate male possibly staring at her. DPS contacted the male who confirmed he had no business purpose in the library; the male was escorted from the building.

### Theft

Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.

A contractor employee reported a wallet and cash taken from her locker; no forced entry found. DPS is investigating.

### Safety Assist

Thursday, Jan. 12, 12:30 p.m.

DPS received an accident report of an open hole in the sidewalk, which a student fell in. Facilities responded and filled the hole with gravel.

### Theft

Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:30 p.m.

A student reported a non-affiliate male she invited to stay at her residence stole her textbooks.

### Malicious Mischief

Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:40 p.m.

WFF reported to DPS a sink torn off the wall in a men's restroom.

### Malicious Mischief

Friday, Jan. 13, 2:15 a.m.

A student reported someone walking on top of parked cars. DPS found two female students and a non-affiliate male walking on vehicle roofs. SPD responded and took the non-affiliate into custody for damaging private property.

### Theft

Friday, Jan. 13, 8:15 a.m.

A student reported leaving her purse unattended in the library. When she returned, it was missing, along with five dollars in cash.

### Theft

Friday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m.

An employee reported cash taken from her desk drawer during the past few days.



## et cetera

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# While we were out: City news we missed over break

## December 9, 2011

Due to health and safety concerns as well as financial strain, Occupy Seattle was evicted from Seattle Central Community College following the board of district trustees' vote to prohibit camping on the campus, according to King 5 News.

## December 12, 2011

Occupy Seattle shuts down the Port of Seattle. The shut down was part of an effort to support unions in dispute with several West Coast ports. The announcement of the shutdown was initially met with resentment from various labor unions in Seattle, according to the Seattle Times. Despite the anticipated resistance, Jordan Eisen, an active member of the Seattle U Chapter of Occupy Seattle, reported that longshoremen and truckers were surprisingly supportive on the day of the rallies, making the shutdown possible.

## Focus for Seattle University chapter of the Occupy movement changing

Kellie Cox  
Staff Writer

While still actively joining in events like the port shutdown and the Martin Luther King Jr. March that took place on Monday, the Seattle U Chapter of the Occupy movement plans to further social justice by organizing its own events at the university and within the general community. The club, which now draws 20 to 30 participants per meeting, aims to host teach-ins this quarter.

"[Occupy's] focus has kind of changed, especially for us, from actively protesting to a dormant period of education. We're regenerating interest within the student body," said Joe Kirk, a member of the Seattle U Chapter.

Mara Adelman, an associate professor in the Department of Communication, believes that symbolic gestures like teach-ins are exactly what the campus

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needs. After returning from six months abroad, Adelman was shocked by the

invisibility of the Occupy movement at Seattle U.

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Mara Adelman  
Communications Professor

that would say there's an Occupy movement...it's like it didn't happen," Adelman said.

To combat this absence, Adelman turned her Lynn Building office into a symbolic representation of the movement. The office exterior is covered by the Occupy logo and several news articles are taped to her door. "Occupy movement inspires rise in U.S. campus activism" is one headline that tells a story opposite that of Seattle U.

"[There was] all this activity at SCCC and social justice isn't the heart of their mission... why isn't Seattle U

the epicenter of the Occupy movement? That is, for me, a very key question," Adelman said.

Her office is a symbol that urges more participation among students, faculty and administrators from whom Adelman has not "heard one peep." Although she would like to see a series of student and faculty panels and provocative, politicized space, Adelman hopes that her own symbolic "peep" will simply inspire visible recognition of the movement.

"To be honest, I'd be happy with signs on campus. At least somebody [would be] alive and listening," Adelman said.

After months of protesting, many people have grown tired of listening

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Mara Adelman  
Communications Professor

and without a campsite it's hard to say

## December 16, 2011

Judge upholds Seattle Central's right to evict Occupiers.

The U.S. Justice Department says the Seattle Police Department used excessive force during the Occupy protests.

## UFO on the Hill?

While children across the country began making their new wish lists the day after Christmas, extraterrestrial visitors reportedly visited the skies above Capitol Hill.

Capitolhillseattle.com collected a report from a UFO tracking site that three orange lights had been spotted above Seattle's skies at 2:17 a.m. on Dec. 26.

Details on the sighting can be found in their entirety on UFOStalker.com under case number 34385, log number US-12302011-0001. Currently, the site rates it as "poor" and denotes it as "unresolved." Nobody has "favorited" it.

The anonymous submitter described three fireball shaped objects flying toward her as she walked her dog near the intersection of Boren and 9th Avenue.

"Their speed would be equivalent to a small plane or helicopter. They were not moving very fast. But these lights were definitely not aircraft," said the spotter.

Commenters on the capitolhillseattle.com post were less than convinced by the report, a majority of them declaring the cluster of lights to be Chinese lanterns or miniature hot air balloons.

Alternative hypotheses? While some commenters attributed the lights to "dry cleaning bags filled with marsh gas," others pointed to military use of flares to test radar equipment.

## Blackouts caused by windstorm

In India, they celebrate Diwali, a festival of lights. In Persia, Chahar Sanbeh Suri, the festival of fire. Christmas, too, has come to be known as a holiday of light. However, for many Seattle families, the holiday was spent in darkness and, for at least one, mourning.

The Seattle Times reports that early Dec. 25, 37,000 families in and around Seattle woke up to start up their coffee pots and light their trees, only to discover that their electricity had been compromised by a violent windstorm.

By 8:45 p.m. that night, Seattle City Light had restored power to all but 2,600 of the homes — the majority of those still unlit concentrated in the Shoreline area, according to the Seattle Times.

But the storm claimed more than tree limbs and power lines as it moved through the area. When one Whidbey Island family made their way to a gathering that afternoon in a Ford Explorer, the Seattle Times reports, a 15-foot tree limb crashed through the roof, killing 9-year-old Tobiah Leonard.

While rescue workers were unable to resuscitate Leonard, they did manage to save a 40-year-old kite surfer who had been toppled by the wind-whipped waves of Lake Washington after an extensive rescue effort involving a helicopter and rescue boat.

## Ban on plastic bags

Seattle City Council passed a ban on plastic checkout bags that would outlaw them in all stores — including department stores, farmers markets, convenience stores and others — not just grocery stores.

The bill, which was passed in late December, would still allow stores to provide paper bags at the cost of five cents per bag. This is the second time a plastic bag ban has been brought before the City Council out of concern for the environment, considering bags are recycled as little as 13 percent of the time according to Seattle Public Utilities.

Shoppers on food assistance programs will be exempt from the paper bag fee.

Mayor Mike McGinn signed the bill, which will take effect in July and last until 2016 when the City Council will have an opportunity to extend the bill.

Opponents of the ban attempted to petition to have the measure put on a future city ballot, but they failed to meet the 16,000 signature requirement by Tuesday, according to the Seattle Times.

"The hope is by passing this legislation, we can help shift behavior and get more people to use reusable bags instead of disposable bags," said O'Brien on SeattlePI.com.

## December 21, 2011

St. Mark's Cathedral refuses to allow Occupy Seattle to use its common space to erect "administrative tents" in the wake of their eviction from Seattle Central.

how alive the movement will remain off-campus, let alone on-campus. According to an email from Occupy Seattle, plans to re-Occupy Westlake and Occupy Longview are underway, but Eisen believes that establishing a physical home is no longer crucial. Whether Seattle U can see it or not, the movement is still "very much alive."

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## January 11, 2012

Squatters who may or may not be affiliated with the Occupy movement were evicted from a house on 23rd Avenue and East Alder Street.

## 520 bridge toll

The 520 bridge toll went into effect over the holidays with prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$5.00, depending on the time of day and type of payment.

Tolling began Thursday, Dec. 29. Traffic was down 43 percent the first morning as driver took alternative routes across the water to avoid the toll. The toll will affect Seattle University commuter students as well as the general population of Seattle commuters.

The city, however, says the toll is necessary to pay for infrastructure.



## entertainment

## Student's 'Mad' dogs are grilling the competition

Colleen Fontana  
Staff Writer

Jesus gets a free hot dog every weekend. He likes cream cheese, caramelized onions and extra mayo.

Though Daniel Dovich doesn't know his real name, the Seattle University junior refers to the homeless man as Jesus as a reminder to continue to serve those in need.

A full-time student, Dovich is also a business owner. His hot dog stand, Mad Dawg, opened last July on Mercer Street and has become a popular place among the Queen Anne community.

Jesus is just one of his many regular customers.

"There's one other place I've picked up a hot dog," said Mike Harper, a frequent Mad Dawg customer and an alumnus of Seattle U. "It's not quite as good."

Surrounded by the bustle of the passing cars and the babble of contented customers, Dovich takes orders as he makes conversation with the Seattle U students who have come to support him and hang out. The light from the streetlamps and the warmth from the portable heater make the stand a tempting stopping place for a late-night meal.

Dovich has always liked to cook, but the summer before last he got hooked on cooking hot dogs.

While coaching a youth baseball team, he began working at a hot dog cart owned by the parent of one of his players.

"I just saw how it was run and realized that I could do this and make it my own," Dovich said.

But turns out starting a hot dog stand involves more than a bag of buns and pack of kosher franks.

Dovich had to obtain five different licenses. And that's not even counting the one he already had so he could drive to Queen Anne in his dark blue Dodge Ram.

He got the propane fire license from the Seattle Fire Department and the food handlers permit from Seattle King County Public Health. Then he had to get his mobile vending card approved and his registered mobile kitchen inspected by Public Health. To top it off, he needed not one, but two business licenses: one for Washington State and a second for the city of Seattle.

"There's no handbook that says 'Oh, you want to start a hot dog business,'" Dovich said.

But if he wanted to, he could probably write it.

After months of preparation, his Mad Dawg hot dog stand opened on the Fourth of July last year. Since then, Dovich has had what he would call a rewarding experience.

"I'm really proud to serve people good food," he said. "It's a long-term investment in people, it's not just a business adventure."

These first six months might have been rewarding, but they certainly weren't easy.

A junior transfer student at Seattle U, Dovich is not only balancing school and work but he is also a section leader in the university choir and he is trying to start a cooking club on campus.

Though it's doable, it isn't the ideal schedule.

"I don't go out and party on Friday and Saturday nights because I'm working and feeding the party people," he said. "If anyone wants to hang out on a Wednesday or Thursday night instead of a Friday or Saturday then I'm down."

Hoping to ease up on his work load, Dovich is currently training a friend that is interested in helping run the stand.

"My goal is by the end of September to have a cart within three blocks of Seattle University," he said.



Sy Bean | The Spectator

Dovich's tasty dogs have cemented a place for his cart in Queen Anne.

Meanwhile, his friends are happy to make the short trip to Queen Anne to visit Dovich and hang out as they enjoy their favorite dog.

"It's a really great product and he has done a really good job growing the business," said Seattle U junior Sarah Lewicki. "So it's really awesome that people keep coming back and [the hot dogs] are really, really delicious."

She generally gets the beef polish dog with cream cheese, onions, barbecue sauce and spicy mayo.

If your mouth began to water while reading that last sentence, you're

not alone. According to Dovich, his hot dogs were once called "iconic" by a customer.

Open 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dovich's \$5 hot dogs shouldn't be missed.

Dovich is grateful to everyone who has made the trip to Queen Anne to support him.

"I'm going to bring Mad Dawg Hot Dogs to SU," he said.

With cream cheese, we hope.

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## assu works



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FALL QUARTER FROM YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**NICOLE GADDIE***Athletic Representative*

Nicole worked hard fall quarter on behalf of student athletes. She helped coordinate the fall REDOUT and will be leading the charge with the winter quarter REDOUT which will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in the student center at 4:00PM. Nicole has also worked on promoting the Red Friday campaign and even secured a 15% discount for red merchandise at the bookstore on Fridays. Nicole can be reached at:

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**MACKENZIE HOFFMAN***Sophomore Representative*

Wanting to assist the sophomore class along with the entire student body, Mackenzie developed "Turning the Tide" a winter quarter "beach party" with hopes to chase the winter blues away on January 26 at 8:00pm in the LeRoux Room. Mackenzie is partnering with CAPS, OAR, PHAT, and UREC to make this event possible. She has also worked on developing a new "Be Heard" committee with a renewed effort in soliciting comments and concerns from SU students to better serve the whole student body. Mackenzie can be reached at:

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**ERIC CHALMERS***At-Large Representative*

Responding to the concerns of the student body as a whole, Eric worked hard last quarter to get new bike racks on campus that were much needed. Working with SU's Facilities Department and the Bike Club, ASSU is proud to announce that there is now a new bike rack outside the Engineering Building by the lower mall. Eric also worked with the Washington Bus, a nonpartisan group, to help register Seattle U students to vote in the Washington state elections. Eric can be reached at:

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**FIRST FRIDAYS:**

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**APPROPRIATIONS:**

Annie Schneider, Vice President of Finance for ASSU, and the Appropriations Committee gave over \$1,800 to SU clubs during the fall. The clubs that benefitted from those funds are:

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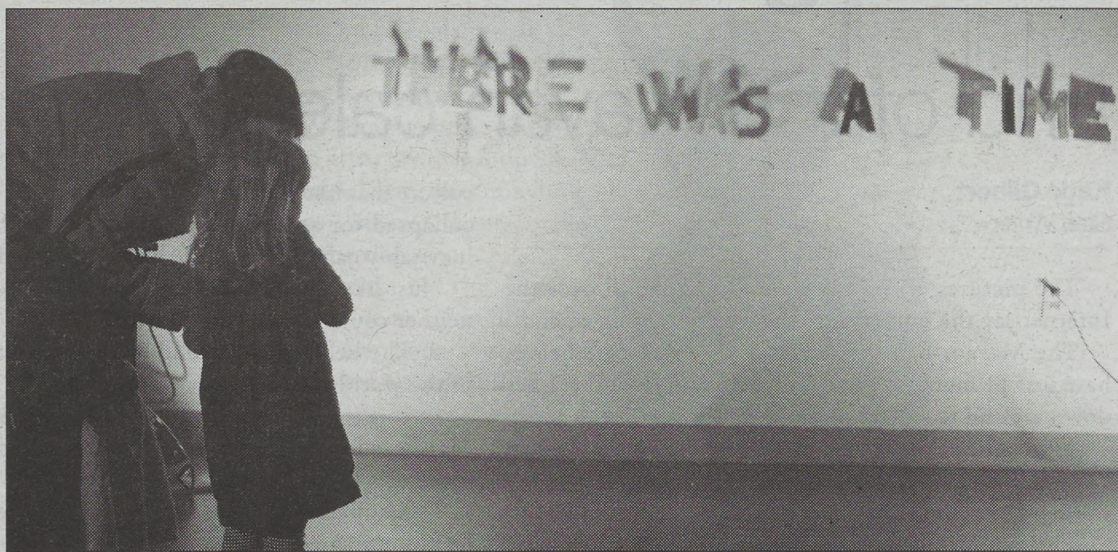
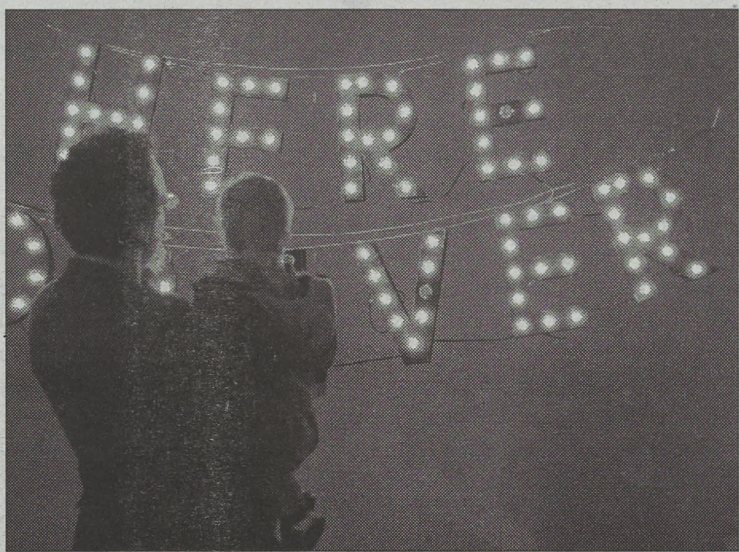
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**REP ASSEMBLY:**

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# Artist-in-res plays with the fogginess of childhood



Kateri Town | The Spectator

Professor Kenneth Allan and his son view Carolina Silva's piece reading "Here Forever" while Cristina Cooper and her daughter view another wistful piece. Silva has been the artist-in-residence at Seattle University since July and this show is her first since the residency began.

## Cover

Childhood is a clear motif, perhaps not surprising given that Silva was due to give birth days after the show opened.

"It's about finding a connection. [The objects] have a fragile and a human nature,"

Silva said.

The Madrid-born artist has been living in Seattle for three years, and been the artist-in-residence since June.

"The performances were interesting. I liked the dramatic effect of going from black room [to a lighted room]," said sophomore visual arts major Luke Baroza of the darkened room and string duet that opened the show.

Silva's previous work has a somewhat Gothic reputation.

"The whole thing was melancholy," Baroza said.

One is left with the impression of a childhood

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reanimated in the dense fog of memory. Each house on the row bears a child's commentary. The puppy, the glazed

toys, and the gloves are forlorn, recalling in their medium a child's perspective. Ultimately, the viewer is unsettled by the ghostliness of these ephemeral objects frozen in clay.

The objects Silva chooses are themselves unremarkable, yet her fingerprints, metaphorically and literally, are on each piece. The care with which she has sculpted each of these works makes them deeply personal. The familiarity of the rubber gloves, the houses, the ceramic pennants hanging above the entrance becomes instead a bond between artist and spectator, and the passion with which these objects are realized is what makes the exhibition evocative. See it.

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## Sound Off! has a fetish for SU band Feet

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The creative energy was palpable in the recording studio of the Fine Arts building.

"I've been trying to write a lot of new stuff for [Sound Off!] so we're not too stale," said John O'Connor, guitarist/vocalist of local band Feet. "It kind of shows that we're trying to do something—"

"—rather than sit on the same songs," Spencer Miller, bassist, finished his sentence.

Miller and O'Connor are Seattle University students in Feet and will be competing in Sound Off! 2012, Experience

Music Project's annual under-21 battle of the bands and a staple event for the Northwest's local music scene. The duo make up half of the band, while the other half are current University of Washington students.

"This new song we're recording sounds very Cure-y," Miller said, citing the band influential to 1980s New Wave as he quirkily fiddled with the neck of his bass.

They are aiming for their "Cure-y" sounding song to hit the Internet before Feet's Sound Off! semi-final performance on Feb. 25. Feet applied for the music competition with the songs "Lucky Charms," "Couch

Surf Nation," "Members of the Universe" and "White Girl," but they want this new song to

Sound off! is known for the success that potentially follows.

be ready to perform so they can stay fresh.

It could be said that fresh is a word well-associated with the band as they make a conscious effort to subvert the confines of

the indie rock genre.

"I don't like things that are very straightforward when song writing," O'Connor said. "I like really unconventional structures.... you wouldn't be able to say 'Oh, verse-chorus-verse-chorus.' It's not random, it has a purpose but it's unusual."

This emphasis on uniqueness earned Feet a slot in the Sound-Off! lineup and it is also possibly their edge over the competition.

"One of the things that struck the listening panel was that they were doing indie rock — a genre that is over-saturated — and Feet was creating something unique and quintessentially Northwest," said Jessi Reed, public programming coordinator for the EMP and producer of Sound Off! 2012. It is her third year working behind-the-scenes of the competition.

Sound Off! is known for the success that potentially follows from a performance as a semi-finalist. Bands get to network with each other, bring in new fans and get some media coverage while the competition is in season. The event's website lists some notable alumni, boasting names such as The Lonely Forest, Dyme Def, The Globes, New Faces, The Lonely H, Sol, Schoolyard Heroes, and Brite Futures (formerly Natalie Portman's Shaved Head). This year's first prize includes a performance slot at Bumbershoot 2012, a live on-air radio performance, gear, studio time and music industry consultation.

Reed emphasized that success at Sound Off! doesn't come from winning, it comes from what bands do after performing that creates success.

"Sound Off! isn't going to make you famous per se," Reed said, "but if you're willing to work hard it can be a launching pad for your band."

Miller and O'Connor echoed this "winning isn't everything" attitude.

"As a band we understand that Sound Off! isn't the end of all

I've been trying to write a lot of new stuff for [Sound Off!] so we're not too stale.

John O'Connor  
Guitarist/Vocalist

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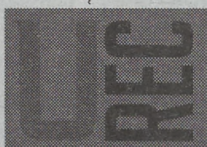
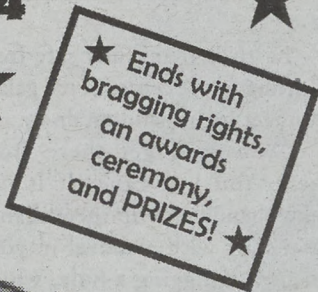
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# Ending the end of the world myths

## End of the Mayan calendar

**Katie Gilbert**  
Staff Writer

The pictures of the big round calendar all over the Internet say the same thing: the world is going to end.

The Mayans have predicted it. All of Earth's beings have just 11 months to live it up before the world crashes down around us.

This belief is based on the end date of the Mayan calendar: Dec. 21. However, that big round, stone calendar all over the Internet is actually the Aztec calendar.

The two are based on the same 260-day yearlong cycle but they have different markings for numerals, start dates and seasonal changes.

If the picture in our minds of the Mayan calendar is wrong, then what does that say about the rest of the myth?

Professor Ted Fortier gave his two cents to clarify where the press and public have gone wrong. He outlines three things that make this myth what it is: a myth.

1. The Mayans had to keep track of the weather and passage of time in order to ensure good crops annually. For this reason, they created their own calendar. It happens to end Dec. 21, 2012 not because that is the date the world ends, but because the calendar had to end on some date.

The Mayans were a strong

culture that lasted about 500 years but then their culture collapsed for an unknown reason. With their collapse inevitably came the end of their counting days.

"Just like a blackberry [calendar] can't go on forever, neither could theirs," said Fortier.

2. The belief that the end of the calendar is the end of the world is a western conception.

According to indigenous cultures, the end of the Mayan culture dates "the last of the worlds," which is more of a shift than an endpoint.

"This is the end of a cycle in which the Westerners have dominance. In this next world it is believed that the brown people are going to rise up and reclaim the earth," Fortier said.

This truth to the end may be the end of the world well be end

of the world—the end of white supremacy that is.

3. Then again the Mayan end may not be an end date at all Fortier explained.

The Mayans saw time as a circular, instead of linear, path with a distinct start and end date. Thus Dec. 21 may be just the day that time starts all over again. We will see the light of Dec. 22, but for the Mayans it will be next day one, year one.

This is the same reason other culture aren't as concerned with deadlines and schedules as the Western world is.

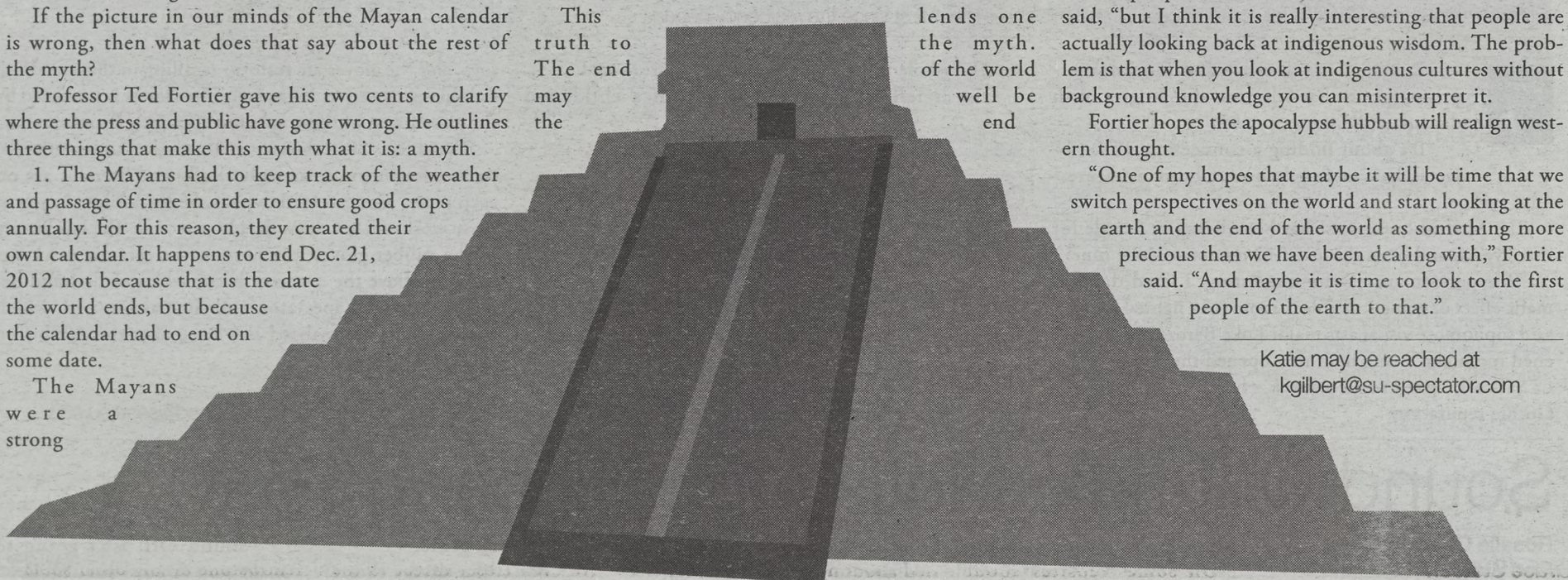
Fortier sees the Mayan calendar myth as an insight into the Western mind and an interesting phenomenon.

"People predict the end of the world often," Fortier said, "but I think it is really interesting that people are actually looking back at indigenous wisdom. The problem is that when you look at indigenous cultures without background knowledge you can misinterpret it."

Fortier hopes the apocalypse hubbub will realign western thought.

"One of my hopes that maybe it will be time that we switch perspectives on the world and start looking at the earth and the end of the world as something more precious than we have been dealing with," Fortier said. "And maybe it is time to look to the first people of the earth to that."

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## The galactic alignment

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According to the History Channel (which has become the authority on apocalyptic theory and aliens), the Galactic Alignment "is when the sun appears to rise in a direct line with the center of the Milky Way galaxy." With the sun, Earth too will align at the center. When this happens, it is predicted that this alignment will "trigger unspeakable chaos."

Earth is thankfully safe from drifting to the center of the galaxy.

This myth sprang up from observations made by the ancient Mayans, who on their calendar had predicted the coming of this alignment and referred to it as "the dark rift." Other civilizations have also predicted that on this particular day, a series of disastrous events could take place, which could explain the reason the Mayans ended their calendar on Dec. 21: to warn future generations.

As sophisticated and advanced as the Mayans were in astrological calculations, there is an obvious gap between science then and now.

"The physical universe is very different from the universe that was imagined by the astrologists," said astronomy professor Joanne Hughes Clark. "People who study astrology and are very into the influences that planets, stars and the moons might have on human effects. They can't get out of the mind-set that these alignments that they've grown up believing have influences on other people are really chance alignments," she said.

Misunderstandings have turned the galactic alignment prediction into something much bigger than it ever was. According to experts, the Mayans probably weren't even predicting anything to happen on Dec. 21.

"This is what the Dec. 21 nonsense came from: The word for the most significant digit in the Mayan long count is called the baktun, when the calendar rolls over to 0,0,0,0 in December. And that's why it's currently popular because people like to cling to the mystical aspects of this," said astronomy professor Jeffrey Brown.

As far as the planet aligning in the center of the Milky Way, Clark said, "It's not going to happen." Earth will continue to remain within the Milky Way galaxy as it always has been, but will in no way find itself at the center of it, as the theory claims.

If it were possible, it would pose a threat.

"There's probably a large black hole at the center of the galaxy.

However, we are not going to end up anywhere near the center. It's gravitationally impossible," Clark said.

There's nothing happening in terms of celestial phenomenon in December.

**Jeffery Brown**  
Astronomy Professor

Earth is thankfully safe from drifting to the center of the galaxy to meet its impending doom.

"You can't get there from here. You just can't. It is less likely you'll end up there than if you start with a shovel in your backyard digging a hole, which will end up in the center of the earth. It's just not going to happen," Brown said.

The claim by apocalyptic theorists that there will be alignments to mark the end of world is not likely and doesn't have anything to back it up, besides beliefs in mystical hubbub.

"There's nothing happening in terms of celestial phenomenon in December. There's no special angles, there's no conjunctions, no oppositions, no transits, no eclipses, no nothing that's happening in December. What is happening is this coincidence

between this several hundred-year-old calendar and it wrapping around because of the way it's constructed that just happens to occur," Brown said.

However, there will always be a group of people who believe the theory.

"There's always apocalyptic cults that arise when you have the turn of a millennium in somebody's calendar, but you have to realize that all of these calendars are just arbitrary. People just pick a specific date and start the calendar," Clark said.

These apocalyptic cults and theorists can influence people to think a certain way, which poses

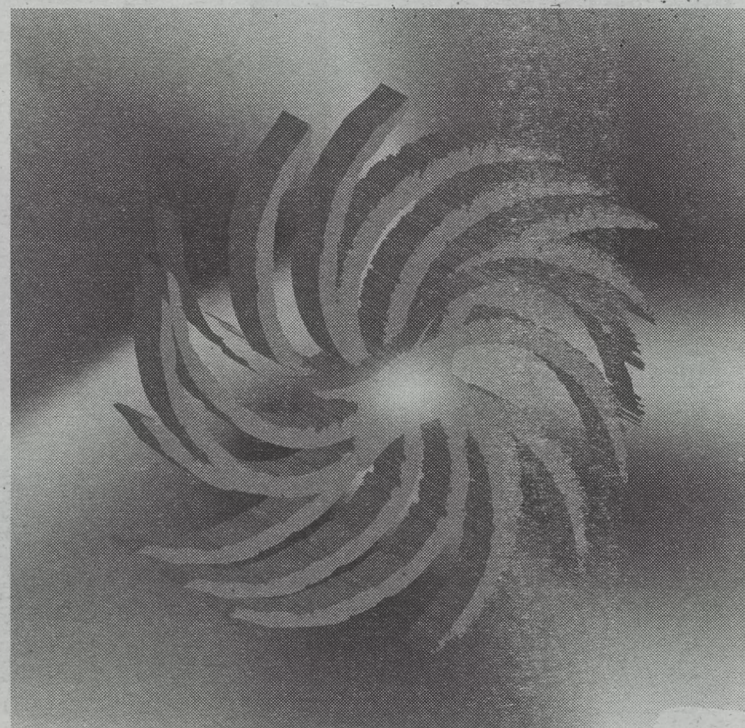
a problem.

"There's a spin they put on [these theories]. It's difficult to understand the motives of these people," Brown said. "There's interesting astronomical events that are going to happen this year, but it has nothing to do with [doomsday]."

For now, the only purpose the story serves is to terrify children.

"It can be dangerous because this one is absolutely not true," Clark said. "It spreads fear. It spreads panic. It makes little kids worry."

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# The coming of the anti-Christ

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It is the New Year and some believe it will be the last we will experience in history.

The various myths of the earth's possible demise have been labeled "the 2012 phenomenon" as there are more than four

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**Wes Howard-Brook**  
Theology Professor

theories floating around of how we will all die this year.

However, the end of the world has been predicted many times before.

Nostradamus has been predicting tragedies for centuries and now he is being joined by the various prophecies of Harry Camping and others. Much like the Y2K theory, however, it doesn't look like any of

them will pan out.

Joining these other theories is Rapture or "Judgment Day," vying for attention among other top myth contenders.

It doesn't like any myth is going to cross the finish line now or anytime soon though.

In the case of the Rapture, the myth doesn't align with sources.

As the story goes, the anti-Christ is going to descend upon us and condemn all the atheists to eternal hell. But then again this was supposed to happen last May as well.

In some versions of this myth, the anti-Christ is going to be Obama. In others it will be a Jew, Arab or Muslim man. The only commonality is that whoever this being is, they will be someone we already know and we will be surprised by their identity.

According to supporters of the myth, everyone who accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior will be saved and the rest will fall prey to the anti-Christ.

Seattle University theology professor Wes Howard-Brook disagrees. As he puts it, "everything is being taken out of context."

He explained that this myth is a 19th century concept from a branch of Christian speculation called millennialism. He summed up their speculations as "a set of predictions" and nothing more.

He went on to explain that the term "anti-Christ" used to refer to a group of people who were, simply put, disbelievers. In other words, followers of the anti-Christ were not dark evil beings that were bent on the Earth's destruction.

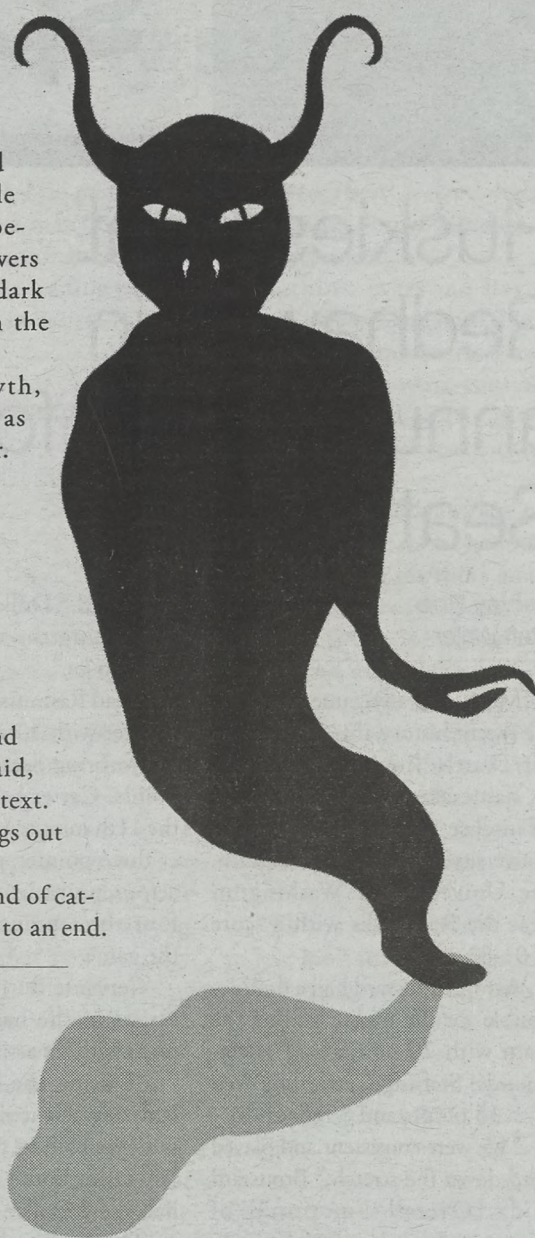
In reference to the myth, Howard-Brook sums it up as rumor that has gone too far. He blames the misconception on how people are reading the Bible.

He explained that people are reading too much into the holy book. They are taking the words of God out of context.

"The best way to understand the Bible," Howard-Brook said, "is to read it in its actual context. It's very dangerous to take things out of context."

Maybe then the endless round of catastrophic prediction will be put to an end.

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# Magnetic reversals and supervolcanoes

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Many of the end-of-the-world alarmist fears focus on geophysical disaster, whether by earthquakes, floods or tsunamis. While the entertainment industry has cashed in on these fears, it is difficult to understand the logic behind many of these arguments.

A popular theory on the impending demise of Earth is magnetic reversal.

According to the British Geological Survey, magnetic reversals are the process of the north and south magnetic poles flipping and changing places. Although this may seem frightening, environmental science professor Davin Henrikson says that there is truly no danger in magnetic reversals.

"There are technologies that depend on the north and south, [like] a basic compass," said Henrikson. "But if the poles were to flip tomorrow, it's understood that physically, we would feel nothing, but our compasses would be pointing backwards."

Henrikson said that the poles move constantly, but that no effects have truly been seen. It's not atypical for the Earth to shift its poles.

"We see excursions [where the magnetic field regenerates itself with the same polarity] occurring now, where the magnetic north pole is moving about 40 miles per year," he said.

Physics department chair and professor David Boness said that it really isn't predictable as to when the next polarity reversal will occur.

"On some websites about 2012, there's a claim that the Earth will flip-flop its spin, but that's not correct," he said. "The earth cannot suddenly change its rotational pole unless something massive hits it."

The magnetic north pole is moving about 40 miles per year.

**Davin Henrikson**  
Environmental Science Professor

Yet, as Boness explained, geomagnetic reversal could conceivably lead to a few more cases of cancer during the reversal process due to less solar wind screening.

"Life itself, and most species, have made it through many reversals," he said.

An even more frightening doomsday scenario are the threat of supervolcanoes. Unlike regular volcanoes, supervolcanoes are enormous regions with huge pools of magma underground.

"Supervolcanoes can be tied into extinctions," Henrikson said. "The big one that is being wor-

ried about now is in Sumatra."

The supervolcano Henrikson is referring to is Lake Toba, which exploded 75,000 years ago and was the largest known explosive eruption anywhere on Earth in the last 25 million years.

"When Toba erupted 74,000 years ago, it was more than 1,000 times as powerful as Mount St. Helens going off in 1980," Boness said.

The eruption of Toba had blast and climatic effects that almost made humans extinct.

"It obviously didn't kill everyone, but according to geneticists, only a few thousand people survived," Boness said.

An even closer threat to the United States? Yellowstone National Park, where the surface has been bulging upwards measurably more each year, leading scientists to believe that the supervolcano will eventually blast.

"The amount of material put up into the air [if Yellowstone was to blow now] would affect worldwide climate," said Henrikson. "We're talking about complete devastation all the way to the Great Lakes."

Yet while the changes have become more apparent in the past few decades, there is no predicting when

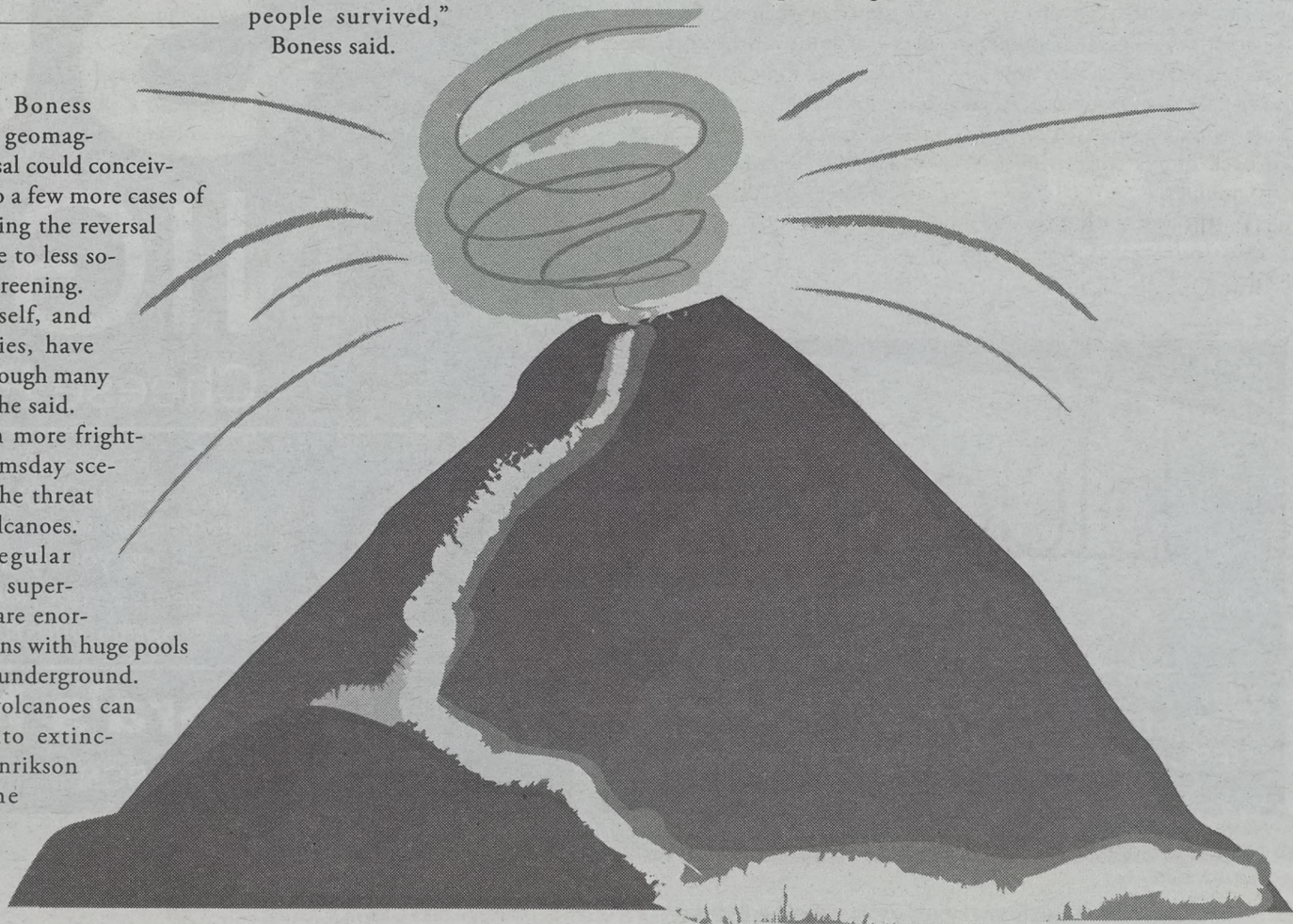
Yellowstone or any other supervolcano will erupt. According to Henrikson, the times predicted for these disasters to occur are just that: predictions.

"No one can predict the future," he said. "When we are given those estimates, they are just estimates. No one knows exactly what will happen."

As to whether either of the professors believes that the world will end? Hardly.

"You can check in with me on Jan. 1, 2013," said Boness.

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# sports

## Huskies beat Redhawks in annual Battle for Seattle

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More than any game in Seattle U's recent history, this year's Battle for Seattle literally resembled its namesake. After 40 minutes of intense play from the Seattle University's men's basketball team, the University of Washington beat the Redhawks with a score of 91-83.

Aaron Broussard had a double-double for the night, leading the team with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Sterling Carter followed with 15 points and 8 rebounds.

"We were consistent and played hard down the stretch," Broussard said. "Overall I'm proud of our guys."

12 men off the Redhawks roster saw playing time against UW.

"We're trying to make it a competitive environment to see who can rise to the top and we reshuffled the deck to make sure we are using all the guys," Dollar said. "[The team] likes playing this way."

Seattle U's aggressive defense was the strong point of the first half. Eric Wallace contributed three blocks which helped keep UW's lead to a minimum.

"I think [our team] got some good turnovers. We weren't able to convert on a couple but [the pressure] definitely slowed [UW] down," Broussard said. "[They] had to think about how they were going to break [the pressure] and it didn't give them a chance to get too comfortable."

Seattle U regained momentum on offense in the second half. Clarence Trent and Allen Tate wasted no time, scoring back to back dunks within the first two minutes.

"As the game went forward, I saw [our team] was being

successful," Dollar said. "Things were going the way we wanted them to go."

Chad Rasmussen made a three-pointer with 13 minutes remaining to bring Seattle U within six points. Carter backed him up in the 11th minute by making another three-pointer, giving UW only a four point lead. Carter made four three-pointers throughout the game.

Cervante Burrell also had four assists in the half and led with team with six assists for the game.

"During the last stretch, we had some chances but just couldn't put [the ball] in the hole, convert [shots] or come up with a loose ball," said Dollar.

The Redhawks foul troubles also crept up on them. Five players fouled out by the end of the game.

"We hoped our guys wouldn't get in foul trouble. A couple times [UW] broke our traps and we kind of reached in," Broussard said. "If we can eliminate those reaching in fouls then we'd have more men down the stretch playing for us."

"We have already proven we can beat big teams and [now] we need to continually prove that we can be consistent and have longevity," Dollar said. "We're making the right strides, we just want to continue to get better."

These teams won't meet again for another year so the 2012 Battle for Seattle could be anyone's game.

"Every year [our team] gets better and it helps intensify the series," Dollar said. "There is no question that when we play [UW] next year at the Key [Arena], people are going to be expecting another round."

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# Women's basketball team finds early success

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Staying true to their goals of working hard and playing their best in every game, the women's basketball team is holding down a successful season so far with a record of 10-7, and hope to

make it to post-season play.

"We've been pretty successful this year, more successful than years in the past," said senior guard Elle Kerfoot, one of the co-captains of the team.

One of the highlights so far was winning their tournament at Key Arena against St. Francis

and East Michigan.

"I think right now, that was really big. We beat two big teams," said head coach Joan Bonvicini.

The season didn't start off as successfully, however. It tipped off with a series of losses. After winning against UC Santa Barbara at the start of the season, the team lost three games in a row. However, the team was able to recover and get back on top.

"We really regrouped and we learned. We learned a lot. And then we started winning. And then we started going on these four game win streaks," Bonvicini said.

The team attributes their progress to several factors. "We have a lot more talent this year. We have a lot of new people and also just having the years in the past of us playing together. We have more returners coming back this year, which has helped us with our team chemistry and playing together," said sophomore post Kacie Sowell, who is currently the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

"It's a combination of different things our team can bring," Kerfoot said. "We're pretty versatile. We have different ways to go at teams and be successful in different games."

"I think it's having a lot of people that can make an impact and a lot of people that can

score. I think we play really well together and it's hard for teams to focus just on one person because we have so many different options," said senior guard Talisa Rhea, one of the leading players in the country in assists.

the games," Rhea said.

Now that the team is heading into their second half of the season, improvements can already be seen.

"I think everyone has improved. We worked hard this off-season and summer. And as the season goes on, we're constantly improving and getting more comfortable with each other," Kerfoot said.

Although the team has been playing well so far, they continue to concentrate on their goal of wanting to make it to postseason.

"Our focus is taking every game one at a time and just focusing on the next one. It's a long season, so it's important to stay focused on the task that's ahead of us," Sowell said.

Looking ahead, the team is excited for this last half of the season.

"This is what we love to do, so [we look forward to] just enjoy everyday and going into every game focused and ready to play," Sowell said.

The next game will be held at Seattle U against BYU on Wed., Jan. 25.

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Senior guard Talisa Rhea drives past a Chicago State defender.

## Broussard dominant in win over Eastern Washington

**Cover** for the Redhawks, whether it resulted in a shot or a trip to the free throw line. He ended the game with a career-high 34 points and 11 free throw attempts.

"We made a huge point of emphasis of attacking the basket and I think you've seen [Broussard's] confidence grow in being able to attack it against anyone we play. His confidence hadn't always been like that," said Dollar.

Broussard's example rubbed off on the Redhawks and although the team was 18-33 from the line, the fact that they took twice as many free throws as Eastern Washington is a testament to the team's overall aggressiveness. Dollar was pleased.

"The most important stat of the night was getting to the free throw line.... That was good to see, good to see us attack the rim and be forceful in there," Dollar said.

The Redhawks didn't just attack the rim while shooting but stayed aggressive while rebounding as well. They out-rebounded the Eagles 45-26.

Notable performances from Eastern Washington players include a 26-point game from forward Collin Chiverton and 15 points and five assists from guard Cliff Colimon.

One thing the stat sheet won't tell you about is a football fumble-style dog pile that occurred

two minutes into the second half. Carter knocked a ball away from Eastern Washington, which was recovered and then lost by Clarence Trent. Players from both teams dove for the loose ball and there was a five-person stack of white and red jerseys at half court with surrounding players prepared to join if necessary. The referee blew the whistle and ruled the ball as Eastern Washington's to inbound.

"We should've been on the bottom," Dollar said. "I thought we were a little slow getting down there. You can't lose that... those details, that intensity, that scrap that's gotta be there all the time."

As for negative statistics from the Redhawks, like 17 turnovers and foul trouble for players such as Trent, senior guard Cervante Burrell wasn't concerned.

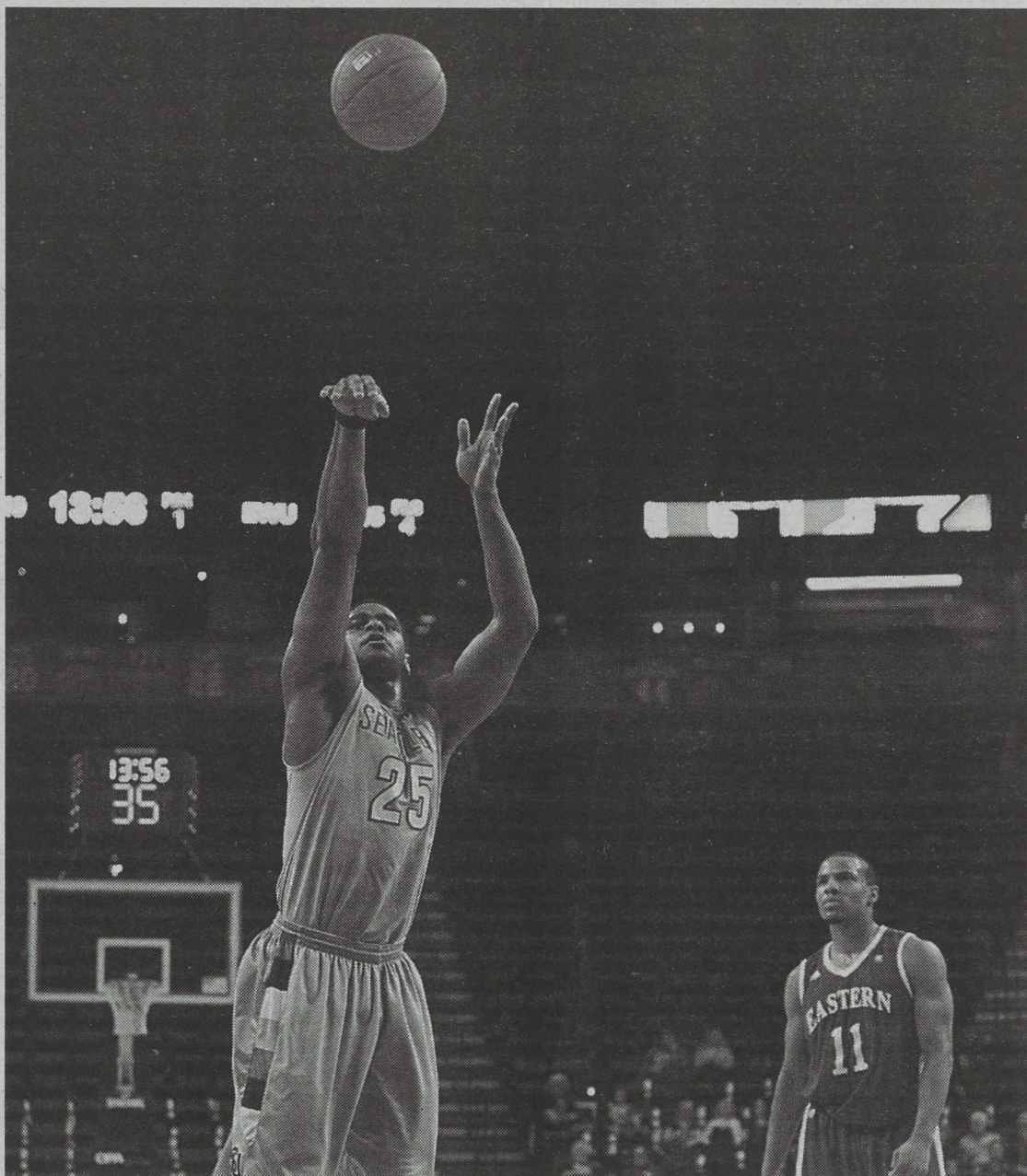
"It's a win, we're happy about everything," said Burrell.

Broussard was looking to carry over positives like execution and rebounding into the next game.

"We finally put a full 40-minute game together, so that's something to build off. I think that'll help us," Broussard said.

Hopefully, confidence from this win will carry over to Thursday's game against Utah State.

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Senior forward Eric Wallace shoots a jumper in the Redhawks victory over Eastern Washington.



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Under SOPA, a website is responsible for all of the content posted to it, and if any content posted to the site is in violation of copyright, that site could face a blackout, even if the site in question is outside of U.S. jurisdiction. If the copyright owner pursued action through SOPA, the website could be subject to the following penalties according to Mashable:

- Internet service providers will be required to block customers' access to the site (section 102(c)(2)(A)(i) within five days.
- Search engines will be forced to remove all references to the offending sites from their indexes (section 102(c)(2)(B)).
- Ad providers will be required to stop providing ad service to the site.
- Payment providers will be required to terminate service to the site.

This means the Attorney General could penalize international sites like Wikileaks and any other international sites in violation of U.S. copyright laws, no matter what the local copyright laws might be, thus severely restricting access to information and ability to share said information.

Furthermore, SOPA would block any sites "dedicated to theft of U.S. property." SOPA classifies any site that gives users the ability to infringe on copyright as an infringing site. This means SOPA would not only block websites dedicated to copyright infringement like music and movie pirating sites, but could also block sites like YouTube, Facebook, Tumblr, Dropbox and even Gmail because they provide features that make it possible for users to infringe upon copyright. The only way to avoid this designation as an infringing site would be to screen every piece of content before it is posted to ensure it is owned by the user posting it or the user has permission to post it.

SOPA would also severely reduce cute YouTube videos of children singing pop songs and could mean those children could have criminal records as felons through its expansion of criminal copyright infringement. So, imagine a child with a ukulele sings a Taylor Swift song and Taylor Swift's record label decides to sue the amateur musician after noticing he or she has received one million hits without purchasing rights to reproduce the song. That young singer could face thousands of dollars in fines and up to three years in prison... okay, that last part probably would not happen unless the child was tried as an adult, but it isn't just minors that post covers on YouTube.

While we agree that it is important to protect intellectual property online and there should be laws to reflect that, SOPA goes to the extreme and would turn basically anyone who has ever used the Internet into a criminal. Please, read the bill and call your senator or congressman. Protect freedom of expression online.

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## U-Wire

# Tim Tebow becomes unfair martyr

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Tim Tebow is a good person. But how do you possibly criticize someone who has a reputation for being so flawless? Simple. Tear down those very character traits that make him the positive person he is. When you can't dig up dirt on someone while trying to hurt their reputation, the last resort is to mock their lack of negative character traits. In the process, though, all you are doing is tarnishing your own character.

It is always interesting being on the outside looking in. As someone who is not a sports fan and rarely a spectator, I only catch snippets of sports news here and there. With that in mind, I have never witnessed a professional athlete become the subject of such ridicule since the NFL pre-season began last August. All of a sudden, I noticed people who previously cared less about football than me becoming

sports analysts. These new quarterback experts could tell you every gaffe and mistake that Tebow made, especially during a loss.

It didn't take me long to realize where these criticisms were coming from. How dare someone, like Tim Tebow, have the nerve to so publicly display his Christianity? What are people so threatened by? Why has it all of the sudden become cool to tear someone down who has done nothing but shown us that they are a positive influence? He even had the courage to admit that he is "saving himself" for marriage when asked about his virginity at a press conference.

So let's mock his religion. Tim Tebow forces us to question our own actions and behavior, which makes us uneasy. We get off on celebrities like Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton, who are constantly in the public eye for the negative things they do. This is because celebrities such as Lohan and Hilton make us feel better about ourselves

in comparison to them.

I don't follow sports, but I pay attention to the news and current events. People have been much harder on Tim Tebow for his lack of bad behavior than they were on Tiger Woods for cheating on his wife with more women than even he can probably recall. The most significant thing about that story was that people were disappointed that Woods could no longer be a positive role model for their children. Now you have a great role model in the form of Tim Tebow, and the guy still can't catch a break.

Athletes are constantly getting juiced up on steroids, bringing guns into night clubs and are accused of spousal abuse, while Tim Tebow is parodied as an ignorant Bible-thumper on SNL.

Recently, late-night comedian Jimmy Fallon performed a song as a Tim Tebow and David Bowie hybrid. I guess Fallon figured it would not be financially wise of him to not jump on the

Tebow bandwagon.

Tebow is not doing anything to try to get a reaction out of anyone — he is just being himself. He is not forcing his beliefs on anyone, just showing that he is not afraid to proclaim his faith and humility in front of those who will make fun of him.

With the Broncos losing in the playoffs this past weekend, it will be interesting to hear all of the reasons why it was Tim Tebow's fault. I'm sure we'll hear a handful of "Where was Jesus on that one, Tebow?" Because that never gets old. I believe that even if he took the Broncos to the Superbowl, it still wouldn't have been satisfactory for those fans that were "rooting for the Broncos, not Tebow." It's now plain to see that it takes much more courage to so openly display one's faith than it does to mock it the way so many have.

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# GOP ignores true Christian values

All four of the remaining contenders for the GOP nomination will rely heavily on a Christian base to get elected in the 2012 election. For the GOP, campaigning as a Christian usually means signing pro-life pledges and supporting a constitutional ban of gay marriage. Christians at Seattle University and college-aged Christians nationally, however, are no longer as focused on these hot-button issues as the GOP candidates seem to be.

With that in mind, *The Spectator* would like to take a quick look at a few tenants of Christianity that are held up at Seattle U. We want to find out how the GOP candidates measure up to some of these timeless Christian imperatives.

We are told in the Gospel, according to Peter, to "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling" (Peter 4:9). The imperative to show hospitality can be realized in our immigration policy. With that in mind, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum are all interested in curtailing social services to undocumented immigrants and their children. On the extreme end of the spectrum, Ron Paul would like to deport all undocumented residents in the United States while others would like merely to deny education and certain other social services to undocumented immigrants and their children. Newt Gingrich and Perry both have more supportive policy plans when it comes to immigration, with Gingrich offering assurances not to deport immigrants who have lived in the United States for several decades and who have family here.

Another critical issue for many Christians is foreign policy. Matthew 5:39 urges us to turn the other cheek and not to use force against evil. Only Paul favors ending all spending on foreign conflicts. Perry, however, wants to send the troops back to Iraq, while Romney would like to deny terror suspects their rights. Romney and Santorum also support the use of water boarding, or at least Romney does not consider it torture, while Santorum supports it outright. Gingrich, however, is against water boarding, although he supports continued defense spending.

The GOP candidates, do not seem to share our understanding of the Christian position on these issues or they've chosen to ignore it. Either way, we believe that voting with Christian values is about more than gay marriage and abortion. A careful examination of each candidate will show that their credentials as Christians are far from perfect. Indeed, with Romney's prospects looking especially good, we at *The Spectator* would like to express our grave misgivings about candidates touting themselves as Christians when they support such un-Christian policies. Perhaps it's time for the "Christian base" to re-explain Christianity to our candidates.



## First World Problems

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## National leaders fail to perform their duty

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Well, this is certainly bad for Barack Obama. And for us.

At the start of this election year, Obama signed the NDAA, or National Defense Authorization Act, into effect. Among other things, the bill provides military benefits for veterans and active duty families, and allows the military to indefinitely detain anyone suspected of terrorism, including American citizens, without pressing charges.

Had he chosen to veto the bill, congress would have passed it without Presidential approval—there is broad bipartisan support for a constitution-nullifying police state. Additionally, he would have had to take the political poison of depriving veterans of their benefits, which is compounded by the disastrous effect that such an action would have on the economy and the tie between unemployment and his approval ratings.

As sitting President, Obama will be linked to this bill, despite having been forced into signing it. Obama's enemies got the exact legislation they wanted, while achieving a neat political victory. The President was not totally silent, however. In his signing statements, he expressed his intention to not use these new powers, as well as a commitment to try and repeal these sections of the NDAA.

The Supreme Court will hopefully overturn the bill, but if they don't, I wouldn't be surprised. The court, having presided over numerous governmental constitutional violations, has failed to prove itself as an institution that cares to protect Americans' liberties or their constitution. And really, doesn't this just prove that Congress, full of wealthy people who are probably a bit afraid of Occupy, stands firmly opposed to our rights?

The argument that by signing the bill himself, Obama was able to put in executive signing statements that stops the indefinite military detention bits, is reasonable

and compelling. I don't envy the man—his entire Presidency has been full of gruesome political decisions. But I'm not sure he made the right call, and the decision he made is a terrible symbol of how he's not the President we need right now. We needed a President willing to publicly defy the corrupt establishment. Instead, we got someone who passes a healthcare bill mostly designed by insurance companies and calls it a victory, ensures that the financial establishment that is robbing America

continues to operate uninterrupted by legal or social concerns, lets the 1 percent further their vampiric attitudes towards taxes, and lets his enemies blackmail him into signing away Americans' rights.

When I think about what I want in a President, I want them to make a stand against the poisonous bastards. Isn't that what the veto power is for? That even if everyone is acting evil and crazy and trying to imprison us illegally, we at least have one last ditch savior? And after congress pulls a stunt like

this, doesn't part of you just want the President to rip them to pieces?

Most of Congress violated their oaths to the constitution, blatantly, for the installation of fascist laws. Sacrificing basic foundational freedoms for some economic chump change is categorically long-term stupid. God, I wish I could vote for Elizabeth Warren. Stupid Massachusetts get all the luck.

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## THE TEN

10 sites we'd like to see permanently blacked out

Facebook.com

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Beautiful-People.com

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4chan.org

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Freecreditreport.com

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Yahooanswers.com

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Bing.com

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Rick santorum.com

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Lemonparty.org (If you don't know what this is already, you don't want to. Trust us.)

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Myspace.com

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Angel

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## Corrections

There are no corrections for this week.



# lastlooks



## Garfield High School honors MLK

Upper left: An organizer readies dozens of MLK Day signs to hand out to participants at Garfield High School on Monday, Jan. 16. Hundreds of people gathered to walk from Garfield High School to the Federal Building downtown for a 30th anniversary march honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upper right: Members of the Anti-Fascist Marching Band play tunes as the march leaves Garfield High School.

Bottom right: A participant watches other marchers walk down Madison St. as they make their way to the Federal Building on 2nd Avenue and Madison Street.

Lower left: Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn claps as he listens to a speaker during a pre-march rally at Garfield High School.

Bottom left: Phoenix Jones talks to march participants with whom he is acquainted.

